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In re Patent Application of

Keiko SAKAKIBARA et al.

Application No.: 09/446,08

Filed: December 17, 1999

For: GENE ENCODING A PROTEIN

HAVING AURONE SYNTHESIS

**ACTIVITY** 

Group Art Unit: Unassigned

Examiner: Unassigned

## **LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to our submission of March 17, 2000 (copy enclosed), we note we made a typographical error in that Letter in regard to the second named inventor's name. We indicated that the correct spelling of the second inventor's name was "Yuki" when the actual spelling of the second inventor's name is "Yuko", as correctly identified in the Declaration filed on December 17, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **LETTER**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Letter is being offered in response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated February 28, 2000, issued in regard to the above-identified application.

The Notification of Missing Requirements indicates that "The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917." On the PCT/DO/EO/917, box 3 is checked indicating that the declaration filed "does not identify the inventor(s)" with a handwritten note that states "The 2<sup>nd</sup> inventor's name is spelled differently on the International Application than on the declaration. Please clarify."

The declaration and International Application have been reviewed and it is noted that in the International Application, the second inventor's first name is spelled "Yurki" and in the declaration, the name is spelled "Yuki". We have contacted the applicants and have been informed that the correct spelling of the second inventor's first name is "Yuki".

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The International Application contains a typographical error and the declaration filed on December 17, 1999, is correct.

It is therefore earnestly requested that the Declaration as filed on December 17, 1999, be accepted and a filing date of December 17, 1999, be awarded the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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